

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2007.

Claim 12 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 11 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 12, now canceled. No new matter has been added. Thus, claims 11, 13 and 14 are pending in the present application.

In view of this response, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the above claims and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 11 and 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Anderson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,830,548). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. However, this rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 12 and the amendment of claim 11 by adding the features of claim 12.

As indicated in the Office Action, claim 12 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 11 is amended by adding the features of claim 12, now canceled. As a result, independent claim 11 is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 13 and 14 depend from claim 11 and include all of the features of claim 11. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are allowable at least for the reason claim 11 is allowable as well as for the features they recite.

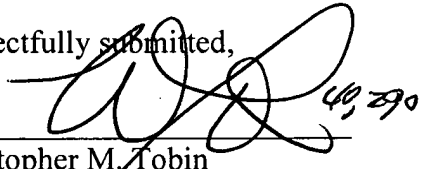
Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicant believes that the pending claims (i.e. claims 11 and 13-14) are now allowable in view of the Examiner's indication in item 8 of the Office Action. Thus, the present application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of these remarks is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that would place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number below.

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